

Washington, DC - Congressman Dan Lungren (R-CA) joined 176 Republicans and six Democrats in opposition to wasteful government spending by voting against today's \$787 billion stimulus bill. The 1,000 page bill was a laundry list of government programs most of which would do little if nothing to stimulate the economy. Congressman Lungren released the following statement:

"Make no mistake; I understand the severity of our economic situation and the pressure weighing on all Americans during these tough times. Today I did not vote against economic recovery, I voted against wasteful government spending. I am disappointed with the passage of this ill advised bill. We need to create jobs, protect struggling American families, and lay the ground work for economic prosperity – this massive spending bill does little to accomplish those goals.

"Instead of allowing American families and small business owners to keep more of what they earn, Congress has just loaded more debt on their backs. I supported alternative legislation that micro-targeted economic recovery in three areas: one - support families through tax relief; two - provide economic relief for American businesses and entrepreneurs; and three - save future generations from a crushing debt burden.

"I understand we need to take action to revive our faltering economy. Let us not use this crisis as an excuse to recklessly throw away taxpayer's money only to say we did something. Congress could have served the American people better."